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1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED REF MESSAGES WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND THE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GOB FOREIGN MINISTRY SEPTEMBER 10. AMBASSADOR JULIO ZAVALA AND DIRECTOR NESTOR SALINAS V. APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ABOUT THE 31ST ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS TO RECEIVE A RESUME OF USG POSITIONS.

2. AMB ZAVALA RAISED THE ISSUE OF EFFORTS TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UN. IN PARTIAL ANSWER TO HIS OWN QUESTIONS, HE WENT ON TO NOTE THE ANOMALY OF THE UN MOVING TO EXPEL A NATION OF ITS OWN CREATION. FROM HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE UN, AMBASSADOR ZAVALA STATED SUCH A MOVE WOULD POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR THE USG AND ITS RELATION TO THE UN. EMBOFFS AGREED WITH ZAVALA THAT THE IMPACT IN THE US OF A MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL, ALTHOUGH DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WITH PRECISION, WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL AND EXTREMELY NEGATIVE. ZAVALA WAS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH US OPPOSITION TO EXPULSION OF ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER UN MEMBER FROM UNGA. EMBOFFS NOTED THAT EVEN A MOVE TOWARD SUSPENSION PROBABLY WOULD PRODUCE
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CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT THROUGHOUT THE US AND CAUSE MANY AMERICANS TO QUESTION USEFULNESS OF US SUPPORT FOR UN. EMBOFFS ALSO REITERATED US OPPOSITION TO ZIONISM AS RACISM RESOLUTION. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT REALISTIC MEMBERS OF UNGA REALIZED THAT USG COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE DECADE OF ACTION AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION WHILE REFERENCE TO ZIONISM AS RACISM CONTINUES.

3. AMB ZAVALA SHARED US VIEW THAT QUESTIONS REGARDING SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL SHARE THE STAGE WITH THE MIDDLE EAST. HE FOUND US DESIRES TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONS IN UNGA THAT WOULD ONLY WORSEN THE SITUATION AND LESSEN CHANCES FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO BE QUITE SENSIBLE. HE EXPRESSED FURTHER INTEREST IN ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN RESOLUTIONS, PARTICULARLY DISSOLUTION OF UN COMMAND. EMBOFFS DREW ON REF C TO ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS.
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